

MILPERSMAN 1542-030

PATROL SQUADRON (VP) NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER (NFO) PROGRAM FOR AVIATION OPERATIONS LIMITED DUTY OFFICER (LDO)/CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO)

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1. **Purpose.** This article provides applicant procedures to Aviation Operations LDO/CWO (designators 632x or 732x) applying for VP NFO Program.

2. **Background.** To meet increasingly complex undersea warfare (USW) and surface warfare (SUW) systems in P-3C and new P-3C AIP aircraft, a mission need for NFO qualified Aviation Operations LDO/CWO was established and approved by Chief of Naval Operations. These experienced Aviators will fill mission readiness needs in flying positions as Navigators/Communicators (NAV/COMMs) and Tactical Coordinators.

3. **Policy**

a. Application for the NFO Program is open only to Aviation Operations LDO/CWO of 632x or 732x designator. Officers with more than 19 years total active duty as of 1 January the year in which they apply will not be considered. No time-in-service (TIS) waivers will be granted. Officers selected must obligate to serve 6 years active duty upon qualification as an NFO.

b. Selectees will receive permanent change of station (PCS) orders to Aviation Preflight Indoctrination and Basic Naval Flight Officer training in Pensacola, FL, then report to Inter-Service Undergraduate Navigator Training in Randolph Air Force Base (AFB), TX. Upon completion, officer will report to VP-30 FRS before receiving final orders to a Patrol Squadron. Training pipeline is approximately 18 months in length.

4. **Request Requirements**

a. Applicants must either be serving as Aviation Operations LDO/CWO, or selected with a confirmed commissioning date for Aviation Operations LDO/CWO in order to apply.

b. Command must administer and member must meet minimum NFO requirements of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Selection Test Battery, per BUMEDINST 1532.1K.

c. Applicants must have a current NFO flight physical and meet current Navy physical readiness standards.

5. **Format of Request.** The following is requested for an applicant's official letter: (Use proper letter format.)

From: (Individual's name, SSN, designator)
To: Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-432M)
Via: Commanding Officer, _____

Subj: APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE PATROL SQUADRON
(VP) NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER (NFO) PROGRAM FOR AVIATION
OPERATIONS LIMITED DUTY OFFICER (LDO)/CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER (CWO)

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Encl: (1) Copies of all FITNESS reports since commissioning
(2) Copy of current NFO flight physical or
Flight Surgeon statement

1. I request to be accepted into the VP Naval Flight Officer Program (LDO/CWO) for FY-__. My qualifications for the program: (fill in, i.e., previous duty assignments, T/M/S aircraft)

2. I agree to obligate to serve SIX years active duty upon qualification as a Naval Flight Officer.

3. Personal statement from the applicant with reason(s) for applying.

[Signature of Requester]

6. **Command Endorsement**. Commanding officer endorsements shall include the following:

a. U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Aviation Selection Test Battery results for NFO:

(1)	Academic Qualifications Rating
(2)	Flight Officer Flight Aptitude Rating
(3)	Flight Officer Biographical Inventory

b. A statement certifying officer meets Navy physical readiness test (PRT) standards

c. A statement concerning officer's potential as a NFO.

7. **Processing Request**. Board will meet annually in September. Applications, as described above, must be submitted by 1 August. Any additional information (endorsements, recommendations, awards and qualifications) to update an individual's package may be submitted after the August deadline. All additional information must have a cover sheet directed to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-432M).